

Carbon Monoxide Dangers Increase in Cool Weather

With cold weather comes one of the most vicious threats to human life—carbon monoxide gas poisoning. Because of its odorless, colorless and tasteless qualities, the gas attacks its victims without warning, frequently resulting in death.

The most common source of carbon monoxide gas is the exhaust from an automobile. In real cold weather, persons are inclined to drive with the windows tightly closed. The exhaust fumes seep into the car where they are inhaled. Because of the odorless, colorless and tasteless characteristics, persons breathing the fumes are unaware of the gas until symptoms develop. These vary, depending on the amount and time of exposure.

THE FIRST symptom may be headache, then dizziness, muscular weakness, disturbed memory, loss of consciousness, coma and frequently death. One frightful complication, as the condition progresses, is the inability to move because of muscular weakness even though consciousness remains.

How does this strange gas act chemically? As it is inhaled, the carbon monoxide mixes with the hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying red pigment of the red corpuscles in the blood. The normal function of red cells to carry oxygen from the lungs throughout the body is essential to good health. When their purpose is impeded by conveying carbon monoxide gas, instead of oxygen, suffocation results.

North Torrance Civic Group to Honor Officers

Mrs. Philip Clark has been installed to serve her second year as president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn.

She took office last week along with John Mulvihill, vice president; Mrs. Herma Tillim, secretary; Frank Nish, treasurer; and Mike Dominguez.

The homeowners organization will honor the new officers at the annual installation ball to be held Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus hall in Gardena. Tickets may be obtained from any officer or at the door.

WHILE CARBON monoxide gas poisoning can occur at any time, the condition is more acute in cold weather when there is a tendency to keep windows and doors closed. This is particularly true in garages and homes using improperly working heating equipment and gas burning appliances.

Whenever coal, wood, oil or any other fuel is burned, carbon monoxide forms. During cold weather, ventilation is likely to be reduced to a minimum. This encourages in-

creased concentrations of the gas to build up. If a person is exposed for a long period of time without detection, death will result. If, however, the victim is found before too long after exposure, fresh air should be admitted and artificial respiration employed. Preferably the patient should be taken to a hospital where life-saving techniques are available, and blood transfusions given should they be necessary.

ACCIDENTS from carbon

monoxide are preventable. Don't drive your car with the windows tightly shut. Keep fresh air coming in to dissipate the fumes. Remember that the insidious characteristics of this killer give you no warning of its presence.

See that fresh air is drifting into your garage should you have the motor running in your car, and into your home should you be using gas heating equipment and appliances. Remember that carbon monoxide gas poisoning is a preventable accident, but one

Calvary Baptist Laymen to Lead Church Service

Christian laymen will be given special prominence during Laymen's Week, Oct. 11-18, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2818 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Hugh Simpson, a Sunday School teacher, will give a brief message on "Why I Attend Church" at the 8:30 and 11 duplicate morning worship

services next Sunday. "Men's Calling Night" will be on the program for Monday, Oct. 12th. Seventy men of the church are being asked to give two hours to church visitation work that evening.

Laymen will assume the leadership of the prayer meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Ralph Giddens, Men's President, will preside. Ted Bishop will lead the singing. Charlie Harrison will accompany at the organ, and the Deacons will take charge of the prayertime. Elmer Katerjohn of Blythe, California, will bring a mes-

sage especially designed to challenge men.

A caravan of cars will leave the church Saturday morning, Oct. 17th to attend Laymen's sessions at the Southern California Baptist Convention, being held at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

The pastor, Rev. H. Earl Kuester, will preach at all services next Sunday. He will continue his current series of sermons on "Our Disciplines" at the morning services. The title of his message will be "The Discipline of Christian Witnessing."

Farnelli Bird Wins Competition at Fair

Champions exhibited in the poultry department at the Los Angeles County Fair whose 1959 season ended Oct. 4, included the birds of Mike Farnelli, 22911 Arlington. His black rose comb cock took top honors among the bantams.

Area CPA Honored

Dennis Everett Coe, 18023 Falda Ave., CPA, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Coe conducts an independent public accounting practice in Inglewood.

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